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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the 6th Gds Mecz Div; Return to 25X1
Rathenow of the 6th AAA Div; Troop Trains of the 32d AAA Div 25X1

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1. On 1 October 1955, tanks were continually loaded in Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde. Columns of light and medium AT guns, AA guns, and mortars transferred by road from these posts to Templin. The majority of the soldiers on the trucks wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The motor vehicles were marked by new tactical symbols. ¹
2. At 0830 on 30 September, a train entered the Templin railroad station from the direction of Eberswalde. The train carried approximately 15 pontoons with 4 small wheels and a vertical rear side. ²
3. At 0845 on 23 September, 9 x 85-mm AA guns, some 23 trucks and 1 field kitchen were unloaded at the Bernau railroad station.
4. On 23 September, 6 x 85-mm AA guns and 3 trucks with 1 field kitchen were seen en route from the Bernau railroad station toward the town. ³
5. After 0300 on 29 September, 15 x 160-mm mortars, 15 tractors, 4 repair shop trucks, 3 radio trucks, 2 field kitchens and 400 soldiers were unloaded at the Rathenow Nordbahnhof and Infanterie Kaserne (5441). On the same day, columns with 15 mortars, some 50 trucks including some with billeting equipment and ammunition, 2 radio trucks and 1 field kitchen arrived by road at the Infanterie Kaserne from the direction of Neue Schleuse. ⁴

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6. a total of 18 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 73 flatcars went from Wittenberg to Kuestrin on 26 September ⁵

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1. Field Comment. It is quite of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from

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transferred to Templin on 1 October in order to participate in fall exercises. In late September, the 25th Tank Div had utilized this training grounds for fall exercises.

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2. Comment. The pontoons were presumably four-wheel amphibious vehicles. The shipment may have involved elements of the 22d Gds Engr Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, which transferred to Templin for fall exercises of the division.

3. Comment. These were probably units of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which returned from Altengrabow to B. ~~now~~ in 3 shipments

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4. Comment. After the previously reported return of the bulk of the 25th Gds RL Brig from Altengrabow to Rathenow on 13 September, the present information indicates that the 65th Mort Brig and the 18th How Arty Brig of the 6th Arty Div returned to Rathenow, probably from Altengrabow. The date of return tends to indicate that the elements of the division stationed in Rathenow did not participate in the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army.

5. Comment. Units of the 32d AAA Div, which had been transferred to Paruth on 2 trains on 16/17 September, returned to their post.

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it can be assumed that these units participated in exercises of the 7th Gds Tank Div. ~~See: 111472~~

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